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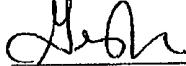
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**PATENT**

CASE #F7340(V)  
UNUS #96-0387-UNI

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Ritter et al.  
Serial No.: 09/180,374  
Filed: April 12, 1999  
For: Liquid Fatty Component Containing Composition

Group: 1761  
Examiner: C. Paden  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Please consider this preliminary amendment in the RCE which accompanies this document.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.